GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SURRENDER OF FUNDS BY AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIIMS had surrendered Rs. 38 crore out of their annual budget of Rs. 371 crore as it remained unutilized;

(b) if so, the reasons for non-utilization of the sanctioned amount;

(c) whether the Institute surrendered such a huge amount as unutilized even as it hiked the user charges for getting more funds;

(d) the reasons for increasing user charges; and

(e) the total amount raised by the AIIMS on account of user charges during 2005-06?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) As against the total budget of Rs.371.00 crores allocated to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the Government has released a sum of Rs.438.36 crores during the year 2005-06. Thus there is no non-utilisation of funds during the said year. The rationalization of user charges have been made after over 10 years which includes increase in charges in respect of 400 tests, due to increase in the cost of consumables and introduction of to charges for new facilities. However, the poor patients will continue to get free treatment.